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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT'S BELIEF THAT US INTELLIGENCE IS
MASTERMINDING PLOT AGAINST IT.

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THE GOVERNMENT IS CONVINCED THAT

US INTELLIGENCE IS HEAVILY INVOLVED IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
EFFORTS TO WEAKEN THE MILITARY REGIME OF PRESIDENT VELASCO.

THE BELIEF THAT THE US IS BASICALLY HOSTILE TO VELASCO'S
GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN AN UNDERLYING FACTOR IN PERU'S FOREIGN
POLICY SINCE THE MILITARY TOOK POWER IN 1968. THIS CONCERN HAS
INCREASED SINCE EVIDENCE OF US INVOLVEMENT IN CHILEAN AFFAIRS
BECAME PUBLIC LAST SUMMER. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT FOCUSES
WIDESPREAD AND CIVILIAN OPPOSITION ALONG WITH UNREST WITHIN THE
MILITARY--A SITUATION THAT CONTRIBUTES TO THE INCLINATION TO

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FIND A SCAPEGOAT SUCH AS THE CIA. CONCERN OVER SECURITY FOR
LATIN AMERICAN
THE MEETING OF EIGHT PRESIDENTS NEXT MONTH HAS ALSO MADE THE
GOVERNMENT SENSITIVE TO DOMESTIC UNREST.

THIS REPORT PROBABLY REFLECTS ACCURATELY THE PERUVIAN
GOVERNMENT'S CONCERN ABOUT FOREIGN INVOLVEMENT IN ITS INTERNAL
AFFAIRS PARTICULARLY AS IT COULD RELATE TO A POSSIBLE CONFLICT
WITH PERU. THE REPORT, HOWEVER, SEEMS TO EXAGGERATE THE EXTENT
TO WHICH PERUVIAN LEADERS BELIEVE OUR US INTELLIGENCE IS INVOLVED.
MOREOVER, THE ASSUMPTION OF US INTERFERENCE IS ONLY ONE OF
SEVERAL FACTORS INFLUENCING VELASCO'S REACTIONS TO PROBLEMS
FACING HIS REGIME. E-2 IMPDET.H

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